

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 884  
By Finney

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Andrew Carter  
McDermott, 2006 Co-Valedictorian of  
Gatlinburg-Pittman High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Carter McDermott is one such exceptional student who was recently named Co-Valedictorian of the 2006 graduating class at Gatlinburg-Pittman High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Andrew McDermott has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Andrew has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average while participating in several extracurricular activities, including the Interact Club, which he served as President, Young Democrats Club, which he served as President, the Scholar's Bowl Team, for which he stood as Captain, Mu Alpha Theta, which he served as Vice President, the high school band, and the varsity soccer team; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards, commendations, and accolades, Mr. McDermott is a National Merit Scholar, gained the level of Magna Cum Laude on the National Latin Exam, was chosen to participate as a delegate to Boys' State, and was selected to perform with the East Tennessee Youth Wind Ensemble; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McDermott's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Andrew's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, William and Elizabeth McDermott, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Andrew McDermott's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2006 Gatlinburg-Pittman High School Co-Valedictorian, Andrew Carter McDermott, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.